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Dear Heiweberger,

I am glad that you are to undertake the history of Lavoisier for science. You are just the right person to do it. I am taking you at your word and suggesting some changes. I think it may be well to relate Lavoisier with the great discoveries in immunoology just as he stepped in the scene for the graduated in medicine in 1841 and the model was set up of over anthrax, tetanus & diphtheria, measles, etc., of leprosy, etc. In a sense Lavoisier was in the front of this existing time in science: was he a prophet? His part was not as well seen. We see this influence in the discovery of the blood groups, etc. It is hard to say how far Lavoisier's part to have been a bit of great interest to the reader. The role of the whole project was to be a guide. Mr. Smith at the Institute has also probably it is in the photo.

You cannot do a great deal in 1000 words. I doubt the desirability of giving the particular chemical in an easy way, but in speaking, will bring in your own name. I would be pleased to find the statement set forth. As a rule here I always deal with the general rather than with the specific. This does not apply to the question of the blood groups & phagocytosis and the significance of those discoveries.

I am uncertain of the precise language in "sensitivity" of the chemical basis of immunity. Has it been studied already? The point is an excellent one and it is desirable to keep the references in mind - in the hands.

The rest of the brochure is excellent. - You can I think quite easily  
 get it - into shape. The emphasis on personal trials is commendable  
 desirable. This could even be expanded with interest if there is  
 more to say. I am glad you took up the love of music.

I hope all is well with you, Nina's Charles. I suppose that  
 you have spent the summer in Airdrie or Brierley Hill. -  
 We did not venture so far as yet this summer. We are well.  
 Hello from me in affectionate regards to you & Nina.

Yours sincerely

John G. Bennett